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Wolves up their game

The Bracebridge Blues defenceman Ivan Sergeev stays with Haliburton Wolves captain Nick Hunter as he skates with the puck during Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League action on Thursday, Feb. 5 at the A.J. LaRue arena in Haliburton. The Wolves lost to the visiting Blues 6-5. More on page 16. /DARREN LUM Staff

Provincial directives trouble health unit

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit has concerns about the implications of funding and potential accountability changes coming from the province.

Last fall, the health unit learned it would be one of 28 of the province's 36 health units to have its funding frozen for the foreseeable future.

The bulk of the health unit's \$18 million budget comes from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the health unit signs agreements based on performance indicators with the province.

"With the freeze, it's going to be increasingly difficult for us to achieve compliance . . . as our costs increase on an annual basis," Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, medical officer of health for the health unit, told the paper.

Changes proposed under the Ontario government's discussion paper Patients First: A Proposal to Strengthen Patient-Centred Health Care in Ontario would see the province's Local Health Integration Networks become responsible for the

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Coping with rising food costs in the Highlands

JENN WATT

Editor

By now, most of us have seen the online spoof: a couple goes into a bank looking for a loan to buy a cauliflower. The cartoon is obviously a joke, but underlying

the humour is a real concern.

The low Canadian dollar coupled with weather-related crop failures around the world has made some produce unaffordable.

Those costs have direct and indirect impacts on the community of Haliburton.

Aaron Walker, a partner at McKecks

Tap and Grill as well as co-ordinator for Food for Kids, says changes have had to be made at the restaurant to accommodate for "ridiculous" prices of some produce.

"We do not purchase the same spec-

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Eating seasonal veggies can lower grocery bills

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trum of produce that we normally would in order to maintain an operational model at McKecks," he says. When the price of produce and meat becomes too expensive, many restaurants feel pressure to either pass that cost on to the customer or to absorb it and cut back on staff hours.

"If you want to keep those people in jobs you have to keep your doors open by not really raising your cost of operation," he says.

"In Ontario, the average full-serve restaurant has a profit margin of three per cent. That's the average so there's not a lot of wiggle room. It's not like they can absorb a huge fluctuation of price."

Walker says the trend across the province is for people to dine out less and he expects that when buying a meal using fresh produce is too expensive, many opt to go out for fast food instead.

Putting on his other hat, Walker says Food for Kids is feeling a bit of pressure in buying fresh fruit for the breakfast program, which operates out of the county's schools in the mornings.

"Each school has a site co-ordinator and speaking with them they've all intimated to me an exponentially greater cost for fresh fruit in particular," Walker says.

"Although they continue to purchase them and we continue to give them to the kids at the schools there's a huge increase in expense. I don't think we're in jeopardy of being able to afford it this year but it's definitely going to take a bite out of the funds we do have."

For families doing their regular shopping, local health unit dietitian Rosie Kadwell has some tips for keeping costs in check including eating seasonal produce, choosing frozen food and switching to no-name brands.

Choosing frozen food over fresh can often offer substantial savings without sacrificing nutritional value, the dietitian says.

"I think there are misconceptions that frozen vegetables are not as nutritious," Kadwell says. On the contrary, frozen vegetables are picked at their peak and flash frozen to keep their nutritional value.

Consumers will also find that prices of seasonal produce are more reasonable and it may be a matter of selecting potatoes and squash, for example, instead of leafy greens during the winter.

"It doesn't have to be drab, boiled potatoes and carrots," says Kadwell, pointing out that EatRightOntario.ca has plenty of recipes that can be made on a budget that are healthful and tasty.

Additionally, the Good Food Box offered in Haliburton County for \$15 is a cheaper way to get fresh veggies. It is administered by the Lions Club and available to everyone. Give Mary Lawr a call if you're interested: 705-448-1128

The 4Cs food bank uses the Good Food Box to supplement their service to those in need. Treasurer Judy MacDuff said last month they gave out 125 of them. The food bank now serves 111 households – a "household" can be a single person or family.

MacDuff says the grocery stores have been generous with the 4Cs and they haven't yet felt a crunch from rising food prices. However, they could always use more financial donations.

"After Christmas ... that's when the food banks are forgotten. There's nothing going on at that time of year," she says.

"People are hungry all year long, not just at Christmas."

Making healthy eating more affordable

- Choose frozen vegetables and fruit as an alternative to fresh, more expensive varieties.
- Buy Ontario-grown produce that is readily available at this time of year, such as carrots, potatoes, squash and cabbage. Seasonal vegetables are relatively affordable, because of lower transportation costs. To see what Ontario produce is in season, use the Foodland Ontario Availability Guide.
- Shop smart by looking through grocery store flyers for specials and coupons. Choose store or no-name brands that are just as good, but priced less than better-known brand names. It's also important to look at the top and bottom of the food shelf for lower cost foods, as higher priced items are typically placed at eye-level. For more healthy eating on a budget ideas, visit the EatRight Ontario website.
- Plan meals in advance to determine what ingredients you need, then stick to just buying these food items when you go shopping. Rosie Kadwell notes that homemade meals like soups and stews can be inexpensive and nutritious, providing a better and more affordable option to ready-made, prepared food. Look into bulk-buying food programs in your community, such as the Good Food Box.
- Start now to plan your own garden in the spring so that you can grow and enjoy your own produce at home.

Submitted by the Haliburton Kawartha
Pine Ridge District Health Unit

Correction

A cellular gap analysis in the area will be completed by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, not Xplornet, as was reported last week.



Celebrating Robbie Burns

Alan Cooper joined the Haliburton Highlands pipes and drums band for a performance at the Haliburton Legion on Jan. 23, in honour of Robbie Burns. Robbie Burns Day was technically Jan 25. Burns was a famous, 19th century Scottish poet. CHAD INGRAM Staff

Discussion paper proposes LHIN involvement with health unit

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allocation of public health funding.

"It doesn't say public health 'unit' funding, so we don't know what that means," Noseworthy said.

Proposals in the Patients First paper also call for the health unit to sign its agreements with the LHIN, rather than directly with the province.

The HKPR Health Unit is in the area covered by the Central East LHIN, one of 14 integration networks in the province.

"The board is very concerned about the maintenance of programs and services," Noseworthy said, adding that decreased local decision-making is also a worry.

So too is an overall decrease in the role of public health agencies and focus on public health.

"That is a concern from my perspective," Noseworthy said.

Public health involves working with a number of non-health care partners, such as school boards and social agencies.

While acute care is patient-focused, "we deal with populations, groups of people," Noseworthy said, adding that public health deals with the social determinants of health – education, income, etc. – and keeping people healthy.

A staff report submitted to the City of Toronto in January is critical of proposals contained in the Patients First document and makes a number of recommendations including maintaining independent governance of public health through local health boards and ensuring that any provincial funding directed to boards of health through the LHINs cannot be reallocated to other health services and that there be a transparent budget process.



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Future of events up in air

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Feb. 1 annual general meeting of the Haliburton Business Improvement Area.

There was a lot of talk about last year's Colourfest, a fall festival the BIA organizes in October. BIA chairman Luke Schell said the executive had discussed reining the event in, as there was only so much manpower and volunteers available to put on the day-long event.

BIA member Andy Glecoff said he felt attendance was down last year and questioned why the full \$6,000 budget for the event was not used.

First-time Colourfest co-ordinator Autumn Smith, who was hired by the BIA to run the event, spent approximately \$4,000.

The BIA has budgeted \$6,100 for the event in 2016, however there was lengthy discussion over whether or not events such as Colourfest brought shoppers to the area. Some members asked if events were worth the time and money they cost and if it fit into the BIA's larger mandate. Schell said this would be looked at more in the future.

BIA marks successful year

Schell highlighted some of the events and successful initiatives the BIA undertook in 2015, which included Come to Town Tuesdays, a spring sidewalk sale, men's shopping night and more. The organization also spent part of their budget on beautification, including flowers and fall decorations, which Schell said are well-received.

The chairman said looking ahead the BIA will be expanding the flowers by adding 12 more baskets, to accommodate a growing downtown. Discussions were had on replacing the snowflakes on the main street, however Schell said the BIA would need financial help from the municipality to do so, as the snowflakes were pricey.

New promotions

Signature events such as the BIA's Buy in and Win and Come to Town Tuesdays are continuing to gather steam, said Schell.

Partnerships with such groups as the Haliburton County Farmers' Market and the Haliburton Rotary Club, which runs Music in the Park, is proving fruitful. The BIA is hoping to grow Come to Town Tuesdays throughout the year, with special discounts and promotions.

During his reeve's address, Murray Fearrey suggested the BIA invest more in loyalty programs, giving people a reason to spend their money locally. The idea of bringing back BIA Bucks was discussed.

"Customer loyalty is huge," said Fearrey, adding retail is not going to get any easier.

The executive talked about investing more into promotions and introducing new ideas.

Balanced books

The BIA continues to be in a healthy position financially, with a surplus set aside for a "rainy day," said Schell.

This year marks the final year of the expansion phase-in, reported BIA treasurer Nelly Ashworth.

In 2015 the organization spent just more than \$42,000, which was under their \$47,000 budget. For 2016 the BIA has budgeted \$55,300 to cover its expenses, which the executive believes is generous. A large chunk of the budget is allotted to beautification, at \$17,000, and promotions at \$15,400.

Executive changes

Executive members bid adieu to Walkers Home Hardware owner Jerry Walker, who is stepping down to focus on his duties as president of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

V&S manager Clay Glecoff has put his name forward to serve on the executive.

The remainder of the executive will stay the same, with Schell serving as chairman, Chris O'Mara-Enders as vice-chairman, Ashworth as treasurer and Brad Park, Renzo Rosati, Jennifer Little, Sharon Rowden and Nancy Wood-Roberts rounding out the group.



SIRCH program filling hearts and tummies

Christina Kerekes, left, and Rob Kerekes enjoy the kickoff lunch of Cook it Up, a SIRCH initiative that got underway for the second time on Monday, Feb. 8 at Baked and Battered in Haliburton Village. The tourists were thrilled to stumble into the restaurant and be treated to a Valentine's Day themed three course meal. Now in its second season, Cook it Up has 10 trainees enrolled, who are learning many skills including food prep, cooking, customer service and more. The initiative takes place every Monday from noon until 2 p.m., with the exception of Feb. 15 and March 28, from now until April 25.

ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Health unit sends out immunization reminders

The local health unit has been sending out notices to parents and guardians who haven't yet had their children vaccinated against a series of diseases. Under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, students attending Ontario schools must be vaccinated against tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, diphtheria, rubella, whooping cough, chickenpox and meningococcal disease. According to a press release from the health unit, students can be suspended from school if their health records aren't updated with the health unit.

First flu case reported

There have been fewer cases of influenza in the health unit region this year than last with the health unit reporting its first locally acquired case in the first week of January. "Flu season is starting a bit later this winter," Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, medical officer of health for the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, said during the board meeting on Jan. 21.

Health unit wants stronger tattoo inspection rules

The board of health says it wants "stronger inspection rules and regulations for tattoo parlours and other similar 'invasive' services," a press release from the health unit reads.

The board endorsed a motion to the provincial government asking for laws to set "minimum requirements for infection control practices and operator responsibilities." They noted that there are more tattoo parlours in the region now and that while the owners of the businesses want to comply with rules, there need to be more clear regulations in place.

The letter was sent to the Ontario government as well as the Association of Local Public Health Agencies for endorsement.

Highlands East thrilled with broadband deal

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Feb. 8 meeting of Highlands East council.

The municipality of Highlands East is happy to be signing onto a new high-speed Internet deal through the county of Haliburton with Bell, but would like to see more public spaces included.

Councillors heard details of the new proposal, which was reported on in the Feb. 2 issue of the *Echo*, from Mike March, manager of IT for the county and treasurer Elaine Taylor.

The initiative was done through the Eastern Ontario Regional Network and will see 24 public facilities get improved Internet to the tune of \$360,000, to be paid for by the county.

Buildings in Highlands East include the Gooderham, Wilberforce, Highlands Grove and Cardiff branches of the library, the Tory Hill EMS base, the Highlands East township office and the county's public works garage in Highland Grove.

A breakdown of costs show that the new arrangement will have Highlands East pay \$7,524 a month for the services, versus the \$4,140 they currently pay.

The total cost per month for the proposed service is \$13,224, with the county contributing \$5,700 per month.

"Bell is offering us a substantial discount for fibre services," said March, adding it was based on a 10-year contract.

The county will be covering the capital costs for the project, however the operating costs will be passed on to the municipalities, said March.

Councillor Joan Barton said the Wilberforce library branch is slated to receive DSL service, but believes it should be getting fibre Internet based on how much the library is used.

"This building is where we have our council meetings, it's our library," she said. "I would really like to see fibre come here."

March said he could look into this and would bring it back to the county.

"I'll have some discussions with the county and mention you're interested in having fibre optics here," he said.

Councillor Cec Ryall mentioned that the McCausland Community Centre in Gooderham does not have Internet available currently.

March said he would look into sharing options with other buildings in the area, such as the fire department in Gooderham.

Curling club floor underway

Work on the new floor for the Wilberforce Curling Club is in motion with property supervisor Jim Alden getting

quotes for materials needed to go under the new concrete floor.

The ice surface floor became inoperable in December of last year and since then the curling club has been closed.

Alden said although the budget for 2016 has not yet been approved by council he would like permission to go ahead and buy materials needed prior to the concrete floor replacement tender going out in March.

The materials will cost approximately \$15,000 and are being purchased locally, said Alden.

"This material is needed as preliminary work prior to laying the brine pipes and pouring the concrete floor," Alden wrote in his report to council.

Council approved the request.

A tender for the new concrete floor will be going out in March, with work expected to be done in May.

Breakfast date for volunteers

In an effort to celebrate all those who contribute to life in Highlands East, the municipality has agreed to host a free volunteer recognition breakfast on Saturday, April 16.

The idea came from the recreation and culture committee, which wanted to give back to the area's volunteers during national volunteer week, which is set for April 10 to 16 this year.

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This building is where we have our council meetings, it's our library, I would really like to see fibre come here.

— Councillor Joan Barton

The committee suggested hosting a breakfast at the Lloyd Watson Centre, with breakfast prepared by councillors, said Curtis Tighe, trails and economic development co-ordinator for Highlands East.

Barton asked how it was going to be determined who should attend and Tighe said it will be open to anyone who wanted to come.

Chief administrative officer Shannon Hunter said that volunteers should not be involved in working the event, as that defeats the purpose, and that council and staff should be putting it on.

Council agreed to the idea and will be advertising the event.

How sweet it is: beekeeping workshop on offer this spring

JENN WATT

Editor

For most of Ron Lofthouse's life, the buzz of the bees and smell of honey has been a constant. He thinks he "caught the bug" when he was five, walking into Lorne Thurston's honey house as the sweet smell of honey wafted over him.

"I first got involved with bees when I was 15 years old. I inherited some bees from an uncle who became allergic to the stings and he said I could have the hives if I moved them to somewhere other than his backyard. So I moved them to a farm outside of Oshawa," says Lofthouse, who now lives in Haliburton Village.

He currently has hives in his backyard.

As soon as spring rolls around, Lofthouse gets excited for the season. Even the sting of the bees, which is milder in the spring, is something he looks forward to.

Lofthouse trained in beekeeping and

has been an instructor as well. On April 2, he will be teaching a full-day beekeeping workshop for adults at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, which is entirely free as long as you register ahead of time.

From his backyard operation, Lofthouse can expect just more than 35 jars of honey, which he sells at the Haliburton farmers' market. (He previously sold at the Art Hive before it closed and praised them for their work.)

Provincially, there has been plenty of talk about bees and other pollinators and the role pesticide has played in diminishing the insects' population.

According to the government of Ontario, about \$992 million of economic activity is generated by pollinators each year in Ontario. Last year, the legislation was introduced to reduce the number of corn and soybean crops planted with neonicotinoid-treated seeds by 80 per cent by 2017.

Lofthouse says these actions are much needed, but have little effect in Haliburton County where farmland is limited and there are few beekeepers.

The main threat to bees in the Highlands? Bears.

To keep the honey producers safe, electrified fencing is needed.

He also agrees with the province's recommendation that landowners make their properties more insect friendly. Plants such as sunflower, goldenrod, calendula, geranium and aster all attract pollinators.

For those interested in attending Lofthouse's beekeeping workshop, get in touch with the museum: 705-457-2760, info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com.

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I inherited some bees from an uncle who became allergic to the stings and he said I could have the hives if I moved them to somewhere other than his backyard.

— Ron Lofthouse



Local beekeeper Ron Lofthouse opens up one of his backyard hives in January. The Italian honeybees are pretty docile in the cold and their sting is not strong in winter. Lofthouse is conducting a workshop for adults on beekeeping this April at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. JENN WATT Staff



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Canoe FM makes history with OLA award

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Canoe FM station manager Roxanne Casey said she was taken aback by the magnitude of the crowd with more than 1,500 people in front of her when she accepted the Ontario Library Association (OLA) Media and Communications Award on behalf of Canoe FM on Thursday, Jan. 28 in Toronto.

Casey, station manager for the past seven years, said it's the biggest award for the community radio station in its 13 year history.

"This is huge for us. Being recognized by not just the Haliburton County Public Library, but all the libraries," she said.

Last year's OLA Media and Communications Award was captured by CBC Radio 1 and the Grand 92.9, Ferguson, Ont.

According to the OLA website, the Haliburton radio station was recognized for its effort in presenting "libraries and librarians in a constructive light, breaking down stereotypical images often associated with the profession."

Part of the criteria for the award states that coverage must appear in Canadian radio stations.

Casey said this isn't possible without support and credits the station's close to 110 volunteers, thousands of listeners and sponsors.

"This award was really won by all of the volunteers that put these programs together and work on at the radio station. Of course all the listeners, who listen to the program and all our sponsors. When I dedicated the award that's who it went to," she said.

The award will be on display at the radio station.

Casey said the award has this inscribed: "100.9 Canoe FM for making literature and a love of reading part of the cultural fabric of Haliburton County through the programs Haliburton County Reads and Library Moments."

The station was nominated for the award by Haliburton County Public Library's branch services librarian Erin Kernohan-Berning.

In her nomination letter to OLA she wrote: "Canoe FM has made it possible for HCPL to reach everyone in every corner of Haliburton County, whether they are a



Canoe FM was recognized for its library programming at the Public Library Awards Gala during the Ontario Library Association Super Conference Jan 28. Local librarian Erin Kernohan-Berning, left, stands with Canoe FM station manager Roxanne Casey at the event. Photo submitted.

commuter in their car, an artisan creating in their studio, a construction worker on the job, a consumer visiting our local businesses, or a cottager on the dock. Our partnership with Canoe has brought HCPL to our patrons wherever they may be."

Casey also noted the great work by the library to promote literacy through its many programs.

Although there is a cost for their work, the importance to the community can't be downplayed.

"What they get back is obviously worth it," she said.

Following the win, the OLA's manager of members services Beckie MacDonald wrote in an email to Casey, "It is people and stations like you that create great partnerships for our field."

To Casey, the award is a reminder of the great work at the station and recognizes excellence, but also the strength and importance of partnerships.

"It's a really good partnership. You want to develop more of those partnerships. We've got a lot, but the library is part of a bigger organization too and sometimes I forget that. It never even crossed my mind they would put our name forward for something like this," she said.

Looking for info on ride-sharing

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Staff Reporter

Do you regularly hitch rides with friends or give rides to others?

The Community Transportation Partnership, run by a group focused on rural transportation options for the county, has hired consultant Kate Hall to create a community-based marketing strategy for ride-sharing.

"We anecdotally think it's happening," Hall says. "We suspect it's a way people living in rural communities have gotten around for a long time. The first step people are probably going to take . . . would be taking a ride within their known social group." Ride-sharing can be a popular means of transportation in rural communities such as Haliburton County, which doesn't have any form of public transit.

A ride-sharing website was soft-launched by the group last year, but didn't have much uptake.

"It was very low," Hall says. "We didn't have any resources to promote it. It was just sort of there."

Now operating with a community transportation pilot grant from the Ministry of Transportation, Hall said the group will upgrading the website, which will include access through mobile devices.

The launch of the new site is scheduled to take place some time in the spring.

In the meantime, Hall is looking for data on residents' ride-sharing practices.

Anyone who uses ride-sharing as a method of transportation is asked to contact Hall at 705-489-2110 or email kvhall06@gmail.com.



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Affording food

IF YOU'VE BEEN GROCERY shopping in the last couple of months, you've noticed the incredible increase in the cost of some fruits and vegetables. And, if you've been paying attention over the last year, you've probably taken note of the increase in price of meat, seafood and fish too.

Grocery bills on average in Canada went up some \$325 in 2015 and experts in the industry expect another \$345 in 2016.

The rising prices are largely attributed to the low Canadian dollar and poor weather in California and Mexico where foods are grown. However, our shock at the check-out line is more complex.

What the recent price spike has illustrated is how many people are sitting in a precarious financial position where a little extra cost is panic-inducing. The outcry over the \$8 cauliflower reflects not only indignation at a once affordable food becoming a luxury item (at least temporarily), but also worry that many feel about the economy in general and whether one's income will be enough.

Certainly, there are things we can do about the rising bills. As local health unit dietitian Rosie Kadwell points out, savings can be found by choosing frozen foods over fresh ones; buying in-

season veggies such as squash, carrots and potatoes in winter; and switching to so-called no-name foods instead of more expensive brand names.

Her biggest concern, as an advocate for healthy eating, is for those who already had a hard time buying groceries before the prices started to climb. What kinds of sacrifices are those people having to make? How tempting will the low-cost frozen

pizza be when lettuce and tomatoes are increasingly less affordable?

In many cases, buying less healthful foods is one side effect, says Aaron Walker, who is a partner at McKecks and co-ordinator of Food for Kids.

In the restaurant sector, when money is tight, customers choose not to dine

out as often and they begin to migrate to cheaper places. That often means selecting fast food more regularly.

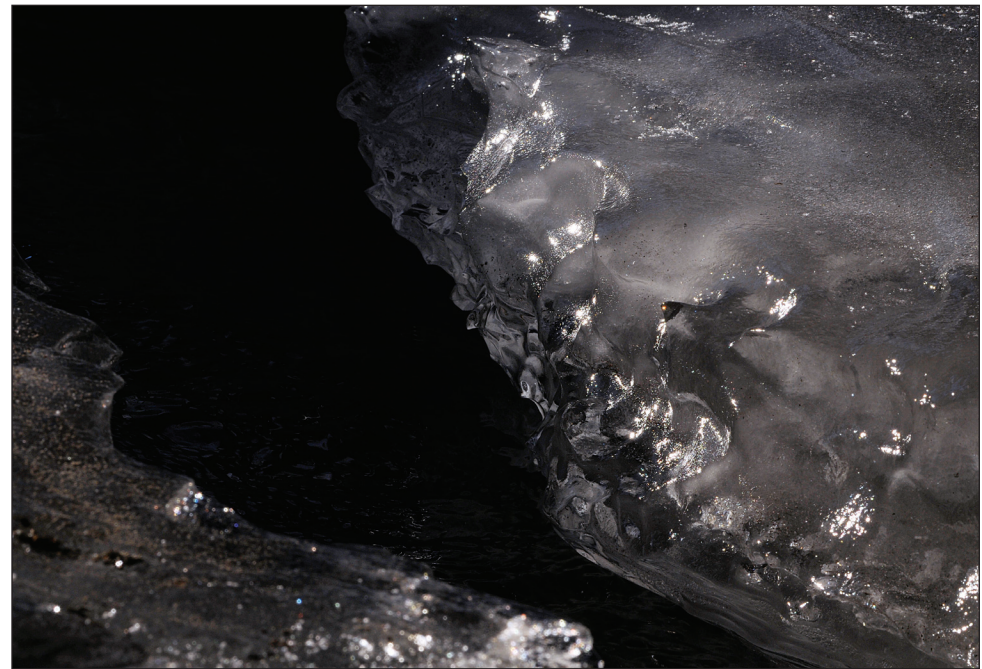
So far, the local food bank hasn't noticed a spike in costs, though their client base includes more than 100 local households.

Weathering changes in the price of food would come more easily if Haliburtonians – and Canadians in general – felt more secure in their incomes. Absorbing surges in costs is manageable when people have jobs they can rely on with enough money coming in to feel comfortable.



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Editorial



Ice formation

by Darren Lum

Frost Fest this weekend

VALENTINE'S DAY, Family Day and Frost Fest all rolled into one fun weekend in Haliburton Village! Frost Fest is brought to you by Dysart et al on Saturday, Feb. 13 at Head Lake and is chock full of winter fun. The Haliburton Lions Club will host a brunch and their fourth annual Polar Dip in support of Sick Kids and Haliburton Highlands Hospitals. Come to Frost Fest for the crowning of the festival ambassador, for creating snow sculptures, snowshoeing with Camp Wanakita, ice skating on the oval, South Algonquin Trails pony rides sponsored by the Haliburton Rotary Club, a snowman building contest with the staff of Haliburton Highlands Museum and Irvin Holland's horse-drawn wagon rides sponsored by the BIA. The Haliburton Wolves hockey team will be there to greet you and you can warm up at the bonfire or take the kids to do a craft at the library. Please visit frostfest.ca for a complete schedule and times. And, while you're in town, take this opportunity to shop locally. Then come back on the 14th with your special Valentine for dinner at one of our great restaurants.

Looking for more winter fun in the Village? Did you know that you can experience snowshoeing on the Glebe Park snowshoe trails this winter? Meet at the Haliburton Highlands Museum every Thursday for a one hour guided snowshoe walk. How about joining the Wednesday walking group? They meet weekly at the Rails End Gallery. Public skating runs on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the A.J. LaRue Arena and adult only skating takes place most Thursdays from 12 to 2 p.m.

Calling all ages to the Battle of the Bands taking place on Feb. 19 from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. upstairs in the

arena community room. Help raise funds for the Haliburton Junction Skate Park. Come for a fun evening for the young and young at heart! Please also know that the Haliburton Village BIA has made a commitment to provide ongoing financial support of the skate park initiative. It's all about our kids and a unique place for them in our town and that is always a good thing!

Please let me know if your not-for-profit organization is having a fundraiser or fun event in Haliburton Village.

The BIA is dedicated to building community and knows that supporting your wonderful efforts is a great benefit to all.

The 2016 Haliburton Village BIA annual general meeting included highlights of the past year and insights into future directions; a discussion of budgets; and, the election of the 2016 executive. Returning again this year are Luke Schell, chair; Chris O'Mara-Enders, vice-chair; Nelly Ash-

worth, treasurer; Sharon Rowden, secretary; Nancy Woods-Roberts, Dysart et al council rep, Jennifer Little, Brad Park and Renzo Rosati. Jerry Walker has stepped down and was thanked for his year of service and new executive member Clay Glecoff was welcomed. 2016 promises to be another busy and meaningful year for the BIA with sales promotions, beautification projects, special events and support of community organizations.

Come To Town Tuesdays continues to be an ongoing and year round promotion. Please visit our Haliburton Village BIA face book page for weekly updates. We have 154 "likes" of our page and would appreciate more. Check it out and help us spread the good news and fun happenings in Haliburton Village!

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points of view

Finding Me-mo

HERE'S A SMALL CONFESSION. I don't fuss much about my looks.

I understand that this is incredibly hard to believe based on the photo that accompanies this column. I mean, just look at it.

Frankly, there have been several times when I have been mistaken for a movie star.

I remember one time I said to my eldest daughter that she was the prettiest, smartest, most talented young woman I know.

She looked me in the eye and replied, "Right, and you look just like George Clooney."

I only mention this because it reminds me of the reaction I received from the women I live with when I shaved off my beard and moustache last Friday.

Unless I'm mistaken, it was one of unadulterated delight.

For instance, when my youngest daughter Carmen walked into the house she looked at me and yelped, "What happened to your face?"

Clearly she was both surprised and shocked at the success of my self-inflicted makeover.

I just looked at her, smiled and said, "The old man's still got it, huh?"

Carm was uncharacteristically at a loss for words, if you discount the rest of the evening she spent on the phone with friends.

With that nod of approval, I could hardly wait for Jenn to get home to see the new me. Frankly, I was hoping that this new look might suffice as an early Valentine's Day present.

The good news is when she walked in and looked at me, she was also at a loss for words except for the question, "Did you get into a knife fight?"

It was an easy mistake to make.

I have been holding off on buying new razor blades for my Track III ever since the price of them surpassed the value of my truck. As a result, the ones I have left are a little dull.

Even so, Jenn looked at me, smiled and proclaimed that I look like a noble seafaring type.

OK, her exact words were "You look like a sea turtle."

Then she added, "I mean that in the nicest way."

Clearly. Name me one woman whose heart doesn't melt at the sight of a sea turtle.

"Then you'll accept this as an early Valentine's Day gift?" I mumbled.

She quickly reverted to speechlessness, so I took that as a yes.

Now, however, I am at a loss. You see, I didn't actually want to shave my beard and moustache. I was just hoping to trim it back to a level where it would only hold one loaf of bread.

I did what any man would do at a time like this. I dusted off my Braun electric razor and began trimming freehand willy-nilly. Then, the age old process began. First I cut one side far shorter than the other. Then, in an effort to even it out, cut the other side even shorter. And so it went until I ran out of facial hair.

At this point, I knew that stubble just wouldn't do, so I got out the dull Track III and began plucking and hacking.

When it was over, I looked up into the mirror and was horrified. The area immediately surrounding my mouth was red and swollen so that I look more like the Joker than anything.

Fortunately, by the time Jenn and Carm had arrived home, the swelling had gone down and the bleeding had slowed to a mere trickle so that I looked so much better – like a sea turtle.

In any case, I'm now in the process of growing that facial hair back. Breaking the news to Jenn and Carmen wasn't easy. In fact, when I was finished with my announcement, they both had tears in their eyes. Grateful, they said their prayers had been answered. I'm guessing they were referring to the small amount of time they still had left with me and this great new look.

It was fun while it lasted, but next time I won't free hand with my electric razor. I've never been a winner when it comes to brain versus Braun.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

Alf Jones House in West Guilford with Ida Morrison, Mrs. Alf Jones, Alma Morrison, Orval Morrison, Nila Morrison. Submitted by K. Morrison

letters to the editor

The Golden Slipper

To the Editor,

At any given time in the early '50s, Al Perron ran a taxi business in conjunction with owning probably one of the more famous dance halls in the county: The Golden Slipper. Together with a small orchestra, they played all the favourite songs and tunes of the time, from the big bands, from the popular juke-box favourites to country-western music. Virtually everyone attended: not just the locals but also the tourists from the lodges, the young folk and the old. Countless couples met, danced and romanced here for the first time, beginning whole dynasties. Together with the 11-year-old hat check girl, there were countless band members over the time but the core members as I remember were Al Perron, Harold Brodhagen, Al Blanchard and Fred Clements. All of them could not only sing but play a variety of musical instruments and could have come out of vaudeville from an earlier era. Freddie as I remember not only tuned pianos, he could play the trombone and saxophone quite impressively, he also gave piano lessons and tutored many among the youth in town. Often he arranged lessons around meal times at some student's resi-

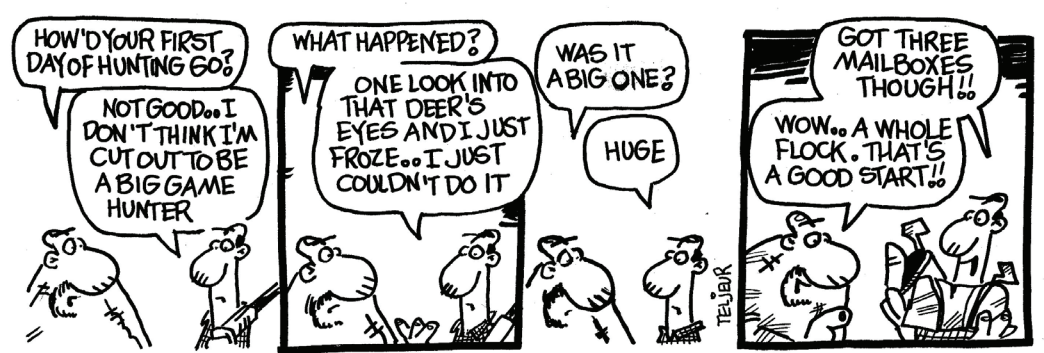
dence where he'd extol the musical virtues to the parents of his pupil. It was through Freddie, I believe, that the Slipper acquired its 11-year-old girl to check coats and hats. Freddie and the gang also played at weddings; including mine.

One often heard of the upcoming dances from Al himself while he was driving fares to various locations all over the county. He had installed a set of loudspeakers mounted on the roof of his cabs and as he drove around prior to a dance on Fridays, Saturdays or holidays (not necessarily only in the summer) you could hear his pronouncements: "Come to the Golden Slipper one and all, for a wonderful time. Bring your wives and sweethearts to enjoy an evening of fine music and dancing!"

This was usually predicated in Haliburton not only with my father keeping our restaurant open for "the Slipper crowd" until 2 a.m. but by increased liquor runs to Minden. Haliburton was dry at the time and there were many workers at the various lumber-yards with liquor orders. I know because I often found a smuggled bottle or two in the shed behind my dad's restaurant on Main Street. The four taxi services in Haliburton

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Bootleggers flourished

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were busy at these times. Bootleggers flourished, often with the going rate of a bottle hiked by about four times the original price.

Haliburton of the early '50s was in transition, tourism was replacing timber as the mainstay of the economy. The times were changing, as was the clientele of the Slipper, from the rough and tumble lumbermen to the more sober and sedate tourists from the cities. Every lodge, at any time of year, every small hamlet, some churches through-

out Haliburton County advertised a dance or two; dances were where people met, where many a man or woman met a life partner. The Golden Slipper seemed to be the most popular dancing establishment probably because it had become an institution and was better advertised.

Nowadays the Golden Slipper has long "gone with the wind" but that hat check girl, remember her? Well, 20 years later, we got married.

Ed Burke

100 mile reading

Lonely Lake by George Henry Farrell

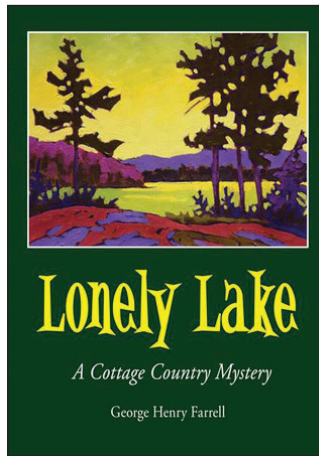
When the sole nature-loving landowner of a vast tract of waterfront property mysteriously disappears, there's plenty of gossip around town about who might have offed the only obstacle between old growth forests and a condominium development – but few real answers. When young Elgin Corbett stumbles upon the body, the town reels as their speculation of murder becomes reality – but the question remains, whodunit?

Lonely Lake is a "cottage country mystery" by local author George Farrell. It is available to reserve in print and ebook at the Haliburton County Public Library.

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Talks break off between school board and union: TLDSB requests arbitration

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

After just a couple of hours, talks between the Trillium Lakelands District School Board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation ended.

The negotiations were called off on Feb. 4 by the provincial mediator, according to a media release issued by TLDSB. Talks were scheduled to take place over a two-day period.

As a result the board is now going to formally request arbitration for all outstanding issues.

"We've sent a formal letter to the OSSTF District 15 requesting the arbitration," said TLDSB board chairwoman Louise Clodd.

While Clodd said she does not know when the arbitration will take place she is hoping "relatively quickly."

The letter was sent to OSSTF District 15 president Colin Matthew by TLDSB director of education Larry Hope and outlines disappointment at the turn of events.

"We are disappointed that we have been unable to reach an agreement with our secondary teacher and occasional teacher bargaining unit despite the fact we have been able to reach agreements with all of our other local unions and with another OSSTF bargaining unit," reads the letter.

"We believe that successful negotiations with those groups demonstrate our commitment to achieving fair and reasonable local collective agreement."

Secondary school teachers have been engaging in strike action since November of last year, not participating in things such as staff meetings.

Demands from OSSTF include teacher evaluations and personal days.

According to a media release from TLDSB, the board believes increased teacher absenteeism will have a negative impact on student achievement and that the demands around appraisals are precedent setting.

Clodd says one of the demands OSSTF is asking for, performance appraisals, is a legislated item.

"We follow the legislated process, which includes the review of five areas of teaching, that must be looked at and in those five areas there are at least 64 different competencies," said Clodd. "The

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— Louise Clodd,
TLDSB board chairwoman

unions demands would not allow for principals and the school board administrators to review all of those competencies thoroughly."

Clodd said the board cannot put itself into a situation where they are liable for not doing what they are supposed to do.

On Jan. 25 the school board and the Professional Student Services Personnel successfully negotiated a tentative agreement, which is set to be ratified over the coming weeks.

"We're very positive and happy we were able to reach an agreement with the mediator," said Clodd.

PSSP includes social workers, speech language pathologists, program officers and more.

Clodd was hopeful that the results would be repeated with OSSTF.

"We're hopeful that we can work through this process and have our people back in full-swing and be in a good place once we get through this arbitration," she said.

The last contract for both the OSSTF and PSSP expired August 2014.

"The board believes that an agreement to proceed by way of interest arbitration has the advantage of ensuring that both quality education and positive labour relations will prevail," wrote Hope in the letter to OSSTF.

The decision made by the arbitrator is binding.

The Echo did not hear back from Colin Matthew by press time.




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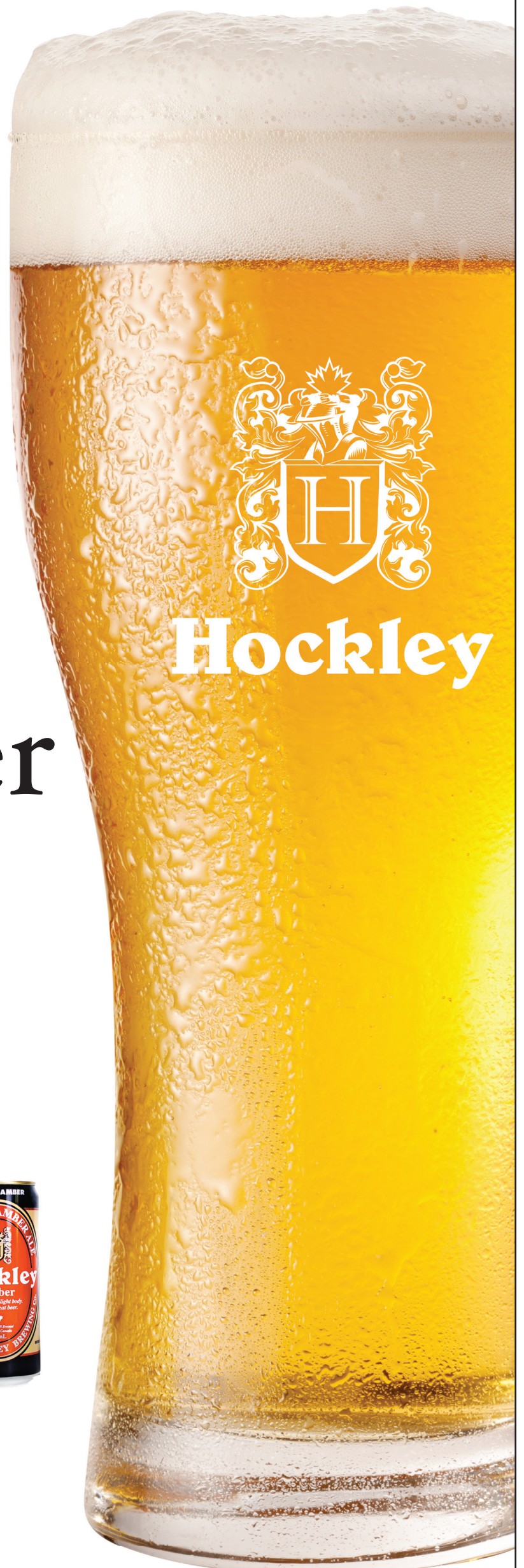


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Haliburton Forest readies for 2017 championships

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Everything appears to be a go for the upcoming IFSS World Championship 2017 Snow event.

That's the overall sentiment after the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve held its Sleddog Fun Race in preparation for the world event. Karen Koehler, a Carnarvon resident and three-time world championship skier, has been actively engaged in bringing this event to her backyard in an effort to showcase the sport she loves.

There were strong indicators from this fun event that she chose the right venue to host some of the best skijorers and mushers from around the world, she said. "The best thing was that it can work," she said. "It definitely was cool to see how well it could work."

Skijoring is a sport where the athlete competes on Nordic skis while being pulled by one or two dogs.

The fun event included 29 competitors, who dogsledded and skijored, at the forest. There were three different courses (11 kilometre, 13.8 kilometre and 40 kilometre).

Haliburton Forest's Tegan Legge, who is the world championship lead organizer for the site, said it was great to hear the positive feedback from competitors at the fun event.

"The big thing for us was to hear the excitement of the competitors," she said.

Koehler appreciates the great effort of the staff.

Legge thanked championship consultant and provincial race marshal Jim Cunningham and timer Sal Saffonie for helping with the event.

She said the plan for the world event is based on the expectation there will be more than 300 athletes from 20 countries, including up to 3,000 people coming on the weekend alone during the nine-day event.

There are plans to have separate parking for the competitors and their trailers, and the spectators. Shuttle vehicles will be provided. Legge adds plans for entertainment is being considered.

This venue offers unique conveniences such as the seminar building, which

could be used as a main meeting area. In Koehler's experience, other world championship venues can't compare. Usually it's a tent or just outside.

Last year, when Haliburton was announced as the world championship host by IFSS president Helen Lundberg it was revealed this would be the first time that a venue will have all the classes – sprint, skidog, mid-distance and long-distance.

Koehler said the start/finish line is still being finalized, but for the larger field event and smaller field events it will be somewhere on the main road accessed by the parking lot past the main office.

She said the event revealed certain areas of the course, if used for the worlds, need to be widened for skijorers.

The event was held with the snowmobile network open to the public, which it won't be during the world championship.

Koehler realizes there is always a learning curve with anything new.

There will be an effort to ensure volunteers are positioned at key corners to make sure competitors are being directed properly.

Conditions this year have been far from ideal for winter activities in Haliburton County. However at the Forest, the event was held with little difficulty and was a good sign.

"We were OK. If next winter is this bad we know we can hold several days of the event anyways," she said.

Interested volunteers and sponsors are encouraged to contact the Haliburton Forest or email Tegan Legge at tlegge@haliburtonforest.com.

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— Haliburton Forest's Tegan Legge, world championship lead organizer

Sir Sam's commemorating anniversary with Golden Gala

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

When most people think about a ski hill, images of snowsuits, uncomfortable boots and tuques come to mind.

But those things will be traded in for cocktail attire and glitz on the evening of Saturday, Feb. 20 for Sir Sam's Ski/Ride Golden Gala, celebrating the resort's 50th anniversary.

The event will get underway at the Eagle Lake ski hill at 7 p.m. with a reception, said resort owner Chris Bishop.

"We're making it a special gala event," he said.

The evening will include live music from five-piece band Arden & the Tourists, with the dance floor getting revved up at 8 p.m. The band will perform classic rock 'n' roll songs that celebrate the resort over the past half a century.

"They play everything from Neil Diamond right up to the latest songs," said Bishop.

The resort is having catered hors d'oeuvres.

One of the highlights of the evening will be what Bishop describes as a torchlight parade, happening around 10 p.m.

"We'll have skiers coming down the hill carrying torches. It's very pretty. We used to do it in the past, years ago," said Bishop.

The parade will include skiers of all different ages, including some veterans and snow school students.

To cap off the parade will be a fireworks display.

The evening will finish off with some late night snacks and a Sir Sam's swag bag that each guest gets to take home.

The gift bags will include anniversary memorabilia.

"It's just a fun event," said Bishop.

The event will be similar to what the resort did for their 40th anniversary, but not as high end, said the ski hill owner.

The resort has a permanent display of anniversary artifacts up this winter season in a memorabilia room. Other anniversary events this season so far have included inexpensive lift tickets, a staff reunion and more.

To date more than 100 tickets have been sold for the gala. Guests must be 19 years or older to attend.

Tickets are \$150 each or \$250 per couple. To purchase a ticket call the ski hill at 705-754-2298 or email info@sirsams.com.

Tickets will not be available for sale at the door.

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— Chris Bishop, resort owner

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Fireside stories

WHY IF IT ISN'T raining today, washing all the snow away just after the snowmobilers got a chance to roar their engines and enjoy a piece of Lake Whadday-athinkI mean paradise. They showed up in droves, don'tcha know, dressed to the nines in those specially designed full-body space suits and helmets. Well, they looked like space suits to ol' Maybelle. Pretty serious looking outfits for a fun-charged activity.

Now, I'm not one to be bringing activities that make so much noise out into nature's backyard, unless you call jamming with my ukulele pals out in the bush, noisy. I tend to be more partial to quiet times like snowshoeing, cross country skiing, ice skating, ice fishing, and even dogsledding when I get the chance. I love the sounds of huskies barking. But some folks prefer speeding around on motorized

vehicles even where the trees are still as can be. And, that my dear friends, is what makes horse races.

Which makes me think of that fine day last week when we all went snowshoeing in Haliburton – Twindle Mumbly, Beanpole Starkman, Vilma Yucch, Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom (Vilma's main squeeze), and Sybil Buchanan Hughes – right behind the Haliburton Museum.

Why, the weather was pristine. Cold and sunny. It was so beautiful, I breathed it in like an angel's hug and felt high as a kite – full of life and grateful for just being there.

Clomp, clomp, clomp. What a sight ol' Maybelle must have been, clomping through the snow on platypus-bill shoes clamped to the bottoms of my boots. Snowshoeing has got to be the clutziest sport on the planet. Nothing graceful about it. But the grace around us was breathtaking. Snow covered branches, artfully arched tree trunks, small patches of water shimmering through exposed creeks. Clusters of year-round Christmas trees begging to be trimmed.

"Maybelle!" yelled, Beanpole. "Look out!"

Suddenly, a great heap of snow fell from a heavily laden branch piling on top of me 'til I was nothing but a big white clump – snow hat, glasses, jacket, gloves, ski poles totally covered in snow. Why, yours

truly looked less like ol' Maybelle Morton and more like the abominable snowman.

And, as I stood there, surprised by my up close encounter with the unexpected, I pictured myself from the other side of the snow and started laughing. I couldn't get Lucille Ball out of my head. Suddenly, I was Lucy in an old comedy sketch ... and Desi was nowhere in sight!

"Mama Maybelle!" shouted Bogart. (Of course my pet bear was with us, wearing his voice-synthesizer cap so we could all hear what he was thinking.) "Are you OK?" His deep velvety voice was shaken with concern.

I shimmied in place, shaking that heap of snow off of me. "Yes, Bogart, dear," I said, "I couldn't be better. Boy, that was amazing!"

Well, it may not have been "amazing" but it sure made me feel alive, I'll tell you. I LOVED the feel of snow on my face, and the sheer surprise of it got my heart racing. Fortunately, not dangerously so.

Then, in a nano-second the whole gang had clomped around me shouting the same question: "Are you all right, Maybelle?"

Now I sure wasn't looking for that kind of attention, but oh my, how warm it made me feel.

"I'm FINE," I said, "Fine. Now, let's get clomping!" So, off we went, following the yellow ribbon trail uphill and winding, then downhill and winding ... then around again.

"Weren't we just here?" Sybil said, looking at the same landmarks we had passed earlier.

"Sure looks like it," Vilma said.

Then Twindle saw a map nailed to a tree.

"Look, it says we're 'here.' And we want to go 'there.'"

All I'll tell you is, if we didn't go around in that same circle another two times. The yellow trail morphed into the pink trail that crossed into to the yellow trail. Truth be told, we really didn't care. We loved every clutzy minute of it.

And when we all agreed to pack it in for the day, we headed back to Twindle's where he made us all a big pot of hot apple cider served up with his delicious homemade banana chocolate chip loaf.

A fire was glowing in the living room hearth and we all gathered around nibbling and sipping ... Bogart, too ... and feeling, oh so comfortable after a full afternoon of total Highlands bliss.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon, is available at amazon.com

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New OMHA video gives voice to players

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

A new Ontario Minor Hockey Association in partnership with Respect Group Inc. video is making the rounds and is leaving an impression with viewers like Haliburton's Jason Glecoff, a father of two children with a 11-year-old son who plays for the Pee wee A Highland Storm.

The three-minute video depicts several young hockey players wearing hockey jerseys of the teams they play for giving answers about why they play and what they love about hockey, but, most importantly, what bothers them about the game.

Glecoff found it engaging because of the message coming from the children that they just want to have fun.

He spoke to his son after seeing it. He said his son said, "he loves to play hockey because he gets to be part of the team with all his friends. He doesn't feel any pressure, just wants to have fun."

It's early to gauge the video's impact, but could be a discussion starter, as voiced by Glecoff following his correspondence with the *Echo*.

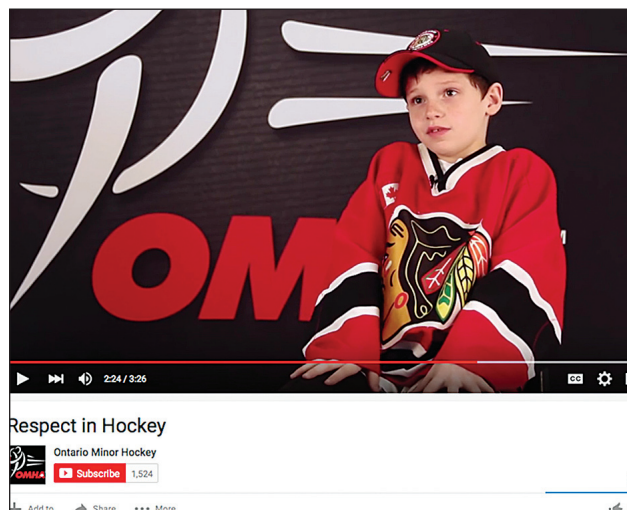
"I'm curious to know what others may think of me at the game. Sometimes I do cheer loud, but I keep it positive," he wrote in an email.

The OMHA is encouraging everyone involved with minor hockey, which includes players, parents/guardians, game officials and team officials, to see the short video. It's just one aspect of the Respect in Hockey initiative by the OMHA to re-emphasize the importance of fairness, integrity and mutual respect for everyone that is part of the game.

Part of the initiative included education. As of Aug. 31, 2014, team officials, on-ice volunteers, on-ice officials and parents were required to take the "Respect" education, specific to each group.

The Highland Storm's president Jaime Dollo appreciated the video, particularly for how children are the focus to deliver a message.

"I think the message hits home. I really do. I think it's a great little video. There's no adults in it, right? Just the narrator. These kids are the ones telling you what they see. How much better can it get than that," he said. "They're [giving the] impression of what a bunch of us donkeys are doing to them. They just want to have fun."



"I don't want them to yell at me anymore," a young hockey player said during the OMHA Respect in Hockey video.

Dollo, a father of three teenaged hockey playing boys, has been involved with hockey all of his life.

Born in the Highlands, he started playing hockey as a child and then played junior and college hockey. His love of the game extends beyond the sport, as he appreciates the team concept, the friendships he has made over the years. Although he didn't notice problems growing up playing hockey, he admits there must be a problem now if children are saying it in the video.

"Here they are. The reason they have these little kids saying that is because obviously those little kids are seeing it. If it's got bad enough that they're seeing it ... they're some knuckle heads out there," he said.

Glecoff said the overall atmosphere at games when it comes to respect hasn't really changed that much since the "Respect" course became a requirement for registration.

He adds he still sees examples of disrespect at the arena such as parents screaming at other parents in the stands, officials on the ice and the opposing team's coaching staff, including children playing.

This behaviour is often associated to certain places his child's team travels to for a game, he points out.

In Muskoka, he remembers hearing a coach for the home team tell his players to hit. At the Pee wee age level

hitting is not permitted, he said.

"I can understand it when it's part of the game. That's no problem. I played it too, but this is in Pee Wee. It does get pretty rough out there, but still the coach shouldn't be instructing them to break the rules," he said.

Although his son has voiced a displeasure with the parents in Huntsville, Glecoff is quick to point out that it is not everyone there.

"I realize it's not all of them. It's a few bad ones and they make everyone else look bad," he said.

While he played house league and rep hockey growing up in the 1970s and 1980s in London, Glecoff said he has fought many times, but never off the ice. Fighting is part of the game, as far as he is concerned. However the abuse he has seen in the stands is unacceptable. He believes it is part of a bigger problem in general.

Parents and people in the hockey stands, he said, just forget about acceptable social behaviour.

"It's like they're in a different kind of arena. Everything changes. All the rules don't apply," he said. "It's crazy."

For all the things he criticizes, Glecoff said the game overall is better for children now when compared to when he played. As a young player he remembers mothers standing at the boards, standing over the glass, screaming.

Dollo said the league deals with disrespectful and bad behaviour with a meeting and a reminder.

"If someone crosses a line we put [the signed code of conduct document] in their face and go, look, you signed this," he said.

Although code of conduct has always been part of the league's constitution, this is the second year for the sign off sheet for mutual respect, said Dollo. He admits it's effectiveness isn't 100 per cent, but does work for most at reminding what is not tolerated.

"I'm never going to name names, but there's always some every year [who don't]," he said.

Gaining the trust and ensuring hockey is fun and enjoyable to children is important for the league's vitality that has seen a decrease in registration every year for the last five years, Dollo said.

"Our push is to get grassroots back. They're the future. We're doing everything we can to get kids to start hockey and hopefully they'll stay there," he said.

Local Brian Mulholland, who has coached two Haliburton minor hockey teams to the provincial championships and been an on-ice official for more than 15 years for all age groups of organized hockey, including the senior games, calls the video exceptional.

"[It] certainly reinforces the OMHA initiative for maintaining a healthy environment around the game. Our young athletes are wanting to excel and they place a tremendous amount of trust and admiration in the adult volunteers around them. Their impressions of this experience is what will shape them for later in life. Further, I think the recent video truly demonstrates how much information that our young players absorb and process during their time at the arena. The interaction and dialogue that often takes place between officials and the team coaching staff is maybe intended for only the main parties but like social media is out there for many others to consider," he wrote in an email.

His "greatest pet peeve" while officiating is when he has to give a bench minor penalty to a team because of a coach official's "inappropriate conduct and/or language," which also punishes the players who did nothing wrong.

He commends the OMHA "with instilling the need for positive growth and development in our young athletes."

The association's overall efforts with its initiative to encourage respect has improved things.

"I believe the campaign is a good one and has had a marked impact around most of the communities that I have visited. However, there are still situations where it seems that organizations have inserted first-time and/or newer coaches to their system that have yet to recognize the importance of their role. Their expertise with teaching the fundamentals of hockey is certainly important but the nurturing of life skills and the camaraderie afforded working/playing together vastly outweighs the hockey component," he said.

Watch the video on YouTube by searching "respect in hockey."

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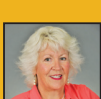
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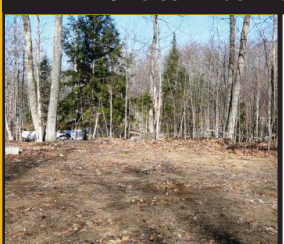
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Right, the Haliburton Wolves' fans and players celebrate a goal during a Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League game against the Bracebridge Blues on Thursday, Feb. 4 at the A.J. LaRue Arena. Although the Wolves lost 6-5 in overtime, Haliburton had a lot of positives and reason for the home fans to cheer, even in defeat.

Below, Wolves' defenceman Connor Sikma finishes his hit on Bracebridge Blues defenceman Oleg Pellusenok during Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League action on Thursday, Feb. 4 at the A.J. LaRue.

Bottom, Wolves' forward Jayden Southwind, who scored a highlight goal and added an assist, splits the Bracebridge Blues defence. Photos by Darren Lum



Silver lining to Wolves' overtime loss

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

If there was ever a time that a loss could prove to be the impetus to galvanize a team it would be the Haliburton Wolves' overtime 6-5 loss to the Bracebridge Blues last Thursday at the A.J. LaRue arena.

The Wolves' fans left disappointed, but buoyed by a satisfaction that has eluded the team faithful, who have wanted to see this team fulfill its potential in the Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League.

The team showed more than heart, as it displayed composure, resilience and grit.

It not only out-hustled and out-played the higher ranked Blues, but also played together with conviction, as a unit, a family.

The team out-chanced the visitors and even led in shots, out-shooting the Blues 58-38.

Team captain Nick Hunter, who played inspired, skating and hitting with a tireless effort, scored both of his goals (one of them on his back in the crease) in the third when the team was down 4-2 only minutes into the start of the third period.

Hunter also assisted in the crowd hysterics inducing tying goal by Connor Aleksic with a little more than a minute left in regulation.

In the four-on-four five-minute overtime the Blues hushed the boisterous home crowd when they scored the dagger-in-the-heart goal with just 1:40 left, ending the roller coaster game.

The momentary silence was broken by a smattering of cheers, bangs to the inner boards and the sticks, hitting the ice from the appreciative Wolves players, as the Blues players

left the ice. Other goals were scored by Zack Thorsen, who started it off for the Wolves who fell behind 2-0. Thorsen's teammate Jayden Southwind followed it up with an equalizer minutes later. Southwind's quick hands made short work of the Blues' defence, moving from the boards, evading his check and sliding it past the visiting goalie to make it 2-2.

Wolves rookie goalie Motoki Watanabe was solid between the pipes in the win.

This game demonstrated the team's potential to compete and could be what is necessary for a long run in the playoffs. Time will tell.

The game didn't start well for the Wolves. Just after the national anthem there were several minutes of delay, leaving fans bewildered.

It was related to a protest made by the Blues who informed the on-ice officials of an ineligible Wolves player.

After a phone deliberation between the league and an on-ice official, the Wolves' coach Josh Shaw was ejected from the game for dressing an ineligible player, Andres Roy. Rookie coach Shaw said he mistakenly thought Roy was eligible, misreading a message. Both subsequently served two game suspensions since the Blues game for the infraction.

With Shaw gone for the game, the team's trainer Jenn Little assumed coaching duties with injured player Ryan Hunter, who is gone for the season due to a shoulder injury.

Like the fans, Little was impressed by the team's performance.

"I'm so proud of them for coming together as a team. That's the best they have played against that team

and probably one of the best games they had this season as far as I'm concerned," she said. "I was proud to see them just come together. That's personally what I've been looking for all season."

It's unconfirmed, but Little may be the league's first female to have ever coached a game since the GMHL started in 2006.

She wasn't sure about the historic nature of her related role at the time, but said it's exciting to be the first.

When asked about whether the quality of the game factored in the historical significance.

"It would have been better if it had been a win. But no, it was significant that it was a great game," she said.

She didn't see Shaw's absence as a cause for the team's great game.

It boiled down to how much the team wanted to succeed in the game and this season, she added.

"They proved tonight that they do want it," she said.

The team's next and last regular season game is this Thursday at the A.J. LaRue. They will host the Almaguin Spartans.

The playoffs start Feb. 15. Specific team playoff schedules won't be known until this week.

Since the Sturgeon Falls Lumberjacks have ended operation, Haliburton assumed GMHL north division's seventh place and will not need to compete in a play down to make the playoffs.

As of press time, the Wolves will play Coldwater tonight. A win would ensure seventh place for the playoffs and if the team records (as of Friday night) stayed the same, the Wolves would play Temiskaming in a best of five (two at Temiskaming, two at home and one at Temiskaming if needed).

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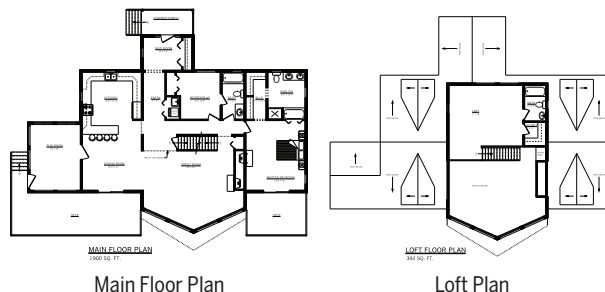
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Congratulations to **LISA GREGORINI** for her appointment to the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors!

Lisa is new to Haliburton County as the co-owner of Canadian Tire. She has previous experience sitting as board member, treasurer, and president of the Trail District Chamber of Commerce.

Lisa was appointed by the Board on January 19th.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Breakfast with the Warden
Tuesday, March 15th
7:30 - 9:00 a.m.
Location: Stanhope Community Centre
Catered by: Molly's Bistro
Speaker: Warden Carol Moffatt



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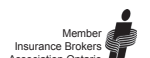
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Firefighters benefit from sledder fun

Top left, sledders pull children in a trailer as they participate in the Haliburton Forest Snowmobile Poker Run on Saturday, Feb. 6 at the Kennisis Lake location. There were 340 participants this year, beating last year's attendance by close to 50 riders. They helped to raise \$7,000 for the Haliburton Fire and Rescue Association, which received \$6,000 from the event last year. The event has run for 27 years and has raised close to \$200,000 for local charities. Above, a snowmobiler waits by the gas pump at the main parking lot just before he participates in the Haliburton Forest Snowmobile Poker Run. Left, sledders gather in the main parking lot./Photos by Darren Lum



Todd's bonspiel draws crowd

Top left, the Haliburton Curling Club's April Martin, left, and Neil Darby sweep during the annual Todd's Independent Mixed Bonspiel on Saturday, Feb. 6 at the Haliburton Curling Club. The weekend event was held from Friday, Feb. 5 to 7 and included four events: Todd's Independent Grocers, Phyllis Woodcock-CIBC, Minden Subaru and Re/Max North Country Realty Inc. Above, the event included a complete breakfast served by the Haliburton Curling Club at the annual Todd's Independent Mixed Bonspiel on Saturday, Feb. 6 in Haliburton. Left, the club's April Martin, left, and Neil Darby wait to sweep while Alexis Manary watches her rock./Photos by Darren Lum



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The Peewee Storm swept the playoffs against Parry Sound on the weekend, moving on to take on the Penetang Flames on Sunday. They put out the Flames 5-4. This photo, by Jason Glecoff, is of the third game against Parry Sound as the clock ran out.

Tykes victorious over Otters

This past weekend the Tom Prentice and Sons/RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team played a double header against the Huntsville Otters. The first game of the weekend on Saturday, Feb. 6 in Huntsville was a great test for the Storm. It was an extremely tight game with no room for errors for either squad. The Otters opened the scoring first taking a 1-0 lead but the Storm answered back with two more goals. The game went right down to the wire ending in a 3-3 tie. Excellent goal tending by Chase Winder kept the Storm in tight and goals were scored by Jace Mills and Josh Scheffee. Finally a great test for the Tyke team. Way to go Storm!

The rematch on Sunday, Feb. 7 was set to be a battle based on the outcome the previous day. This time in Minden, the Tom Prentice and Sons/RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team responded with a vengeance. The Storm scored first and didn't look back. Excellent skating, passing and defensive play led to many outstanding scoring chances. The Storm dominated play and capped off the weekend with a 10-1 victory over the Otters. Goals were scored by Connor Byrne, Brechin Johnston, Jace Mills, Josh Scheffee and Parker Simms. It was another solid goaltending performance by Chase Winder. Congratulations, Storm, on another great weekend of hockey.

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

Novices tie Bears

The Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm came out with an amazing overtime tie against the Bracebridge Bears. The Highland Storm hung on for a 1-1 tie to move them on to the next series

against the Huntsville Otters. Single goal was scored by Addison Carr. Congratulations, Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm, on an awesome series win and good luck against the Huntsville Otters. Next weekend the Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm play Feb. 13 in Huntsville vs the Huntsville Otters and Feb. 14 at in Haliburton at the A.J. LaRue arena vs Huntsville Otters.

Submitted by Amber Card

Peewee AE's end exciting season

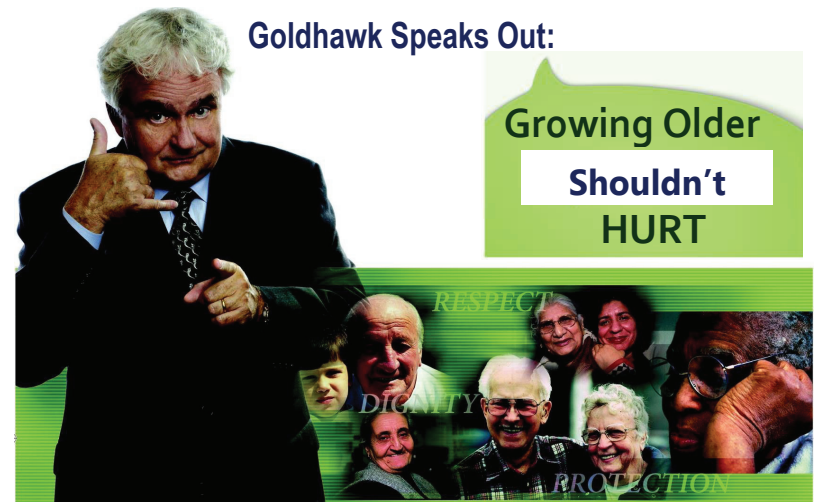
The Walkers Heating and Cooling Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team Storm Peewee AE's were officially eliminated from the MPS playoff on Tuesday night against the Huntsville Otters 6-3. The team gave it their all going into the third period in a do-or-die situation tied at 1. The Otters scored three goals quickly in the third to take a 4-1 lead but the Storm refused to surrender popping in two of their own to make it 4-3 and setting up for a thrilling final eight minutes before the Otters put the game out of reach. Storm goals were from Brendan Coumbs with two and Tyler Martin.

The team bonded so well over the course of the season and some wonderful friendships were made. The coaches are hoping to line up another exhibition game or two before the team hangs up the skates for the season. On behalf of all the parents and caregivers of the Peewee AE team, thank you, players and coaches, we had just as much fun watching and cheering you all on.

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

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Dated Events

Haliburton & District Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge

When: Saturday Feb. 13, 2016,
 Registration at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm & Event starts at 1:00 pm
 An event at the Haliburton Frost Festival
 All proceeds to the Sick Kids Eye Clinic or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation
 Pledge forms available at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, West Guilford Shopping Centre, Todd's Independent or <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/haliburtonon/index.php>
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 For more information, contact Lion Jim Frost at 705-457-4031

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, BBQ Lunch

When: Sat. February 13/16, 10:30 - 2:00 pm (Family Day Weekend)
 Where: Intersection of Rail Trail B103 and HCSA #9 in Donald
 Come and join us for a BBQ lunch, meet other club members and Directors and see how a Groomer works.
 We will have peamel on a bun (\$5.00), hot-dogs (\$3.00), drinks and chips. There will be on the spot draw prizes.
 Contact: hcsa.ca or ejesseman@bell.net

Nature in the Hood 2016 - Winter Tracks & Signs

When: Saturday, Feb. 13, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Where: Dahl forest, 1307 Geeza Rd., Gelert, ON
 Cost : \$5.00 per adult, kids free with paid adult
 Join us on a family-friendly hike through the pristine beauty of the Dahl Forest in winter. Together we'll seek out signs of wildlife activity, in the form of tracks, scat, and other clues. Dress for the weather, and if you've got snow shoes, bring them along.

Family Day Weekend Pancake Breakfast (presented by Haliburton County Fair)

When: Sunday, February 14th 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
 Where: Minden Community Centre, S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena (upstairs)
 55 Parkside Street, Minden
 Cost: \$8.00 (children under 6 eat free). Includes pancakes, sausage and a beverage

Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists Potluck and Show & Tell

When: Tuesday Feb. 16th at 12 noon
 Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum
 Join us for a Potluck Lunch and enjoy a session of photos, short nature "tails" and other brief presentations by member of the HHFN
 Come and learn who we are and what we do.
 Public admission is free. Bring a potluck food item

Highlands Camera Club

When: Wed. February 17
 Where: Haliburton Museum
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Family Day in Ontario is Monday, Feb. 15. Hope you enjoy some pleasant family time over the weekend.

That is also the beginning of heritage week. Our museum, the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House, will be open Monday the 15th from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Plan to drop in and share a story from your family's past.

Most people will already have heard the sad news of the sudden death of Tom Rivers on Jan. 29. There will be a memorial service for him at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 11 a.m. There will also

be a reception and a time for visiting with Tom's family and friends.

There will be an old fashioned afternoon tea at the Wilberforce Legion on Saturday, Feb. 13 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. It is being presented by a youth group that the Wilberforce Ladies Auxiliary has been leading. The LA offer area youth from Grade 6 through high school with a program that is all about learning important life skills. They meet twice a month for games, crafts, etc. Some youth have helped seniors with chores such as yard work.

The young people will help with preparations, set up and serving the afternoon tea. The cost is only \$5 so invite some friends and enjoy.

And do plan to pick some treats at the bake sale they are having. All proceeds will support the group's activities.

Another opportunity for a lunch out is coming up on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at St. Margaret's Church. Just for a change soup will not be on the menu.

This time you can choose either pulled pork on a bun with a side of coleslaw or some vegetarian lasagna. Then enjoy some dessert with tea or coffee. Only \$5 or whatever you care to donate. Proceeds will go to outreach.

Family day activities on Feb. 14

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Monday, the 14th day of March, 2016** at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 28, Concession 13, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Greg Bishop, O.L.S., dated June 24, 2014.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

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Welcome to Family Day hosted at the Centre on Feb. 14 beginning at 1 p.m.

A movie will be shown and family time on the ice will follow. In between some form of refreshment may be included. Admission is in the form of donation or contribution to the food bank.

Snow shuffle is on the agenda for Feb. 27. Signing in is usually around 9 a.m. With dinner and dance following snowmobiling.

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2016 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

TAKE NOTICE that Council will begin its 2016 budget deliberations following its Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2016;

TAKE NOTICE that Council will continue its 2016 budget deliberations during a Special Meeting of Council scheduled for Friday, February 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Both meetings will take place in the in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2016.

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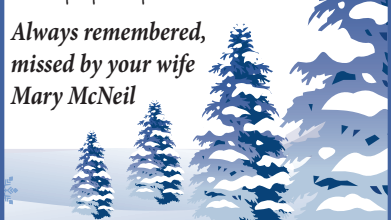
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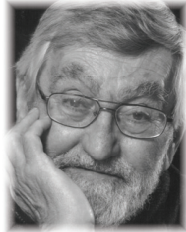

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